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CROATIAN FARM COOPERATIVES INCREASE PRODUCTION -- Borba, No 77, 31 Mar 49

Last year the average yield of wheat on the 150 farm workers' cooperatives in Croatia was 17,400 kilograms, while the average for all Croatia from 1929 to 1939 was 11,400 kilograms. The yield of rye was 16,900 kilograms per hectare in 1948, compared with 10,200 kilograms before the war. Last year the yields of barley, oats, corn, sugar beets, sunflowers, and other crops were also much larger than in prewar Yugoslavia.

Last year Croatian farm workers' cooperatives added 4,207 cattle, 1,851 horses, 11,570 hogs, and 20,863 sheep. The number of beehives rose from 243 to 932. During 1948, 22 farm buildings, excluding dwellings were erected and 181 started.

The following table shows the growth of Croatian farm workers' cooperatives:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No of Cooperatives</u>	<u>Membership</u>		<u>Area (in ha)</u>
		<u>Families</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	
31 Dec 45	4	72	288	420
31 Dec 46	58	1,213	5,400	4,783
1 Jan 48	156	3,065	14,266	18,340
31 Dec 48	320	7,737	33,039	43,507
1 Feb 49	361	8,600		48,000
1 Mar 49	446	12,302		
15 Mar 49	679	19,250		
30 Mar 49	1,000	30,185	114,262	140,522

At the beginning of 1949, 15 srez in Croatia still had no farm workers' cooperatives. As the result of vigorous activity by partisan organizations in these srez, 14 farm workers' cooperatives were formed during February and March in Grubisno Polje Srez, 9 in Zlatar Srez, 3 in Ivanec Srez, 14 in Benkovac Srez, 7 in Delnice Srez, and 2 in Supetar Srez. However, insufficient effort has been made in Sveti Ivan Zelina Srez, where the first farm workers' cooperative was formed 10 days ago, and in Stubica, Pregrada, Djurdjevac, and Samobor srez.

The best results have been attained in Slavonia, where no srez has less than ten farm workers' cooperatives. There are now 345 farm workers' cooperatives in Slavonia, with a membership of 10,000 families and an area of 50,000 hectares. The largest concentration of cooperatives in Slavonia and in Croatia is in Beli Manastir Srez, where 41 have been established so far.

The best results since the meeting of the Second Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia were achieved by Poljavska Slatina Srez, which had only eight farm workers' cooperatives on 1 February and now has 30. One of the older cooperatives in this srez, "Bratstvo" in Papinci, pays 182 dinars in cash and 62 dinars in certificates for a day's labor.

There are 60% agricultural cooperatives in Croatia. These are cooperatives of a general type, with a farm and a breeding station or stock farm. They have a total area of 31,196 hectares. There are 374 breeding

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stations with 1,189 breeding animals, and 40 stock farms with over 4,000 head. Members have formed 639 miscellaneous committees, 371 committees for farming, 47 for livestock raising, 46 for viticulture, and 32 for trade.

Instructors are being sent out to correct the feeling of some members of recently formed farm workers' cooperatives that they are workers rather than householders.

As most farm workers' cooperatives in Slavonia have more draft animals than they need but are short of lumber, lime, and brick, exchanges of surplus goods will be made with cooperatives in other parts of Croatia. For example, farm workers' cooperatives in Titova Korenica Srez soon will send lime and lumber to cooperatives in Donji Lapac in exchange for horses and other draft animals.

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